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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 and to the attached copies of any non-U.S. patent documents listed thereon.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, Applicants' undersigned attorney is reachable by telephone in our Washington, D.C. office at (202) 625-3547. The correspondence address of record remains as provided below.

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